



## Board for Geologists and Geophysicists

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Examination Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: May 24, 2007  
Time: 9:00 am  
Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
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Committee Members: Rebecca Sterbentz, Chair; Thomas Spittler, Vice-Chair; William Black, Board Representative; Thomas Barry; Laura Cathcart-Dodge; Mark Johnsson; Thomas Kelty, Ph.D.; Donn Ristau (pending formal appointment at May 18, 2007 Board meeting); Jeffrey Schmidt, Board Representative.

1. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum and Public Forum  
(This time is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to address the Committee on items not on the agenda; however, the Committee may not take action on such items at this time.)
2. Minutes
  - Action: The Committee will consider adopting minutes of its February 9, 2007 meeting.
3. Executive Officer Report (Rempel)
  - a. Functional unit re-organization update
  - b. Newly appointed Department of Consumer Affairs Director Carrie Lopez seeks to ensure that only those who are truly qualified to practice in California are in fact licensed
  - c. Lessons learned from March 2, 2007 examination cycle
  - d. ASBOG® up-date
    - i. Three-year contract for twice-yearly examination beginning Fall 2007
    - ii. 2005 Occupational Analysis – USA and Canada
    - iii. October 2006 results review
    - iv. Historical exam trends
  - e. Report of Board Action re: Twice-yearly Professional Geologist licensing exams starting this September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
  - f. Report of Board Action re: Vote to appoint Donn Ristau to Examination Committee.
  - g. Report of Board Action re: Revising California Supplemental Exam (CSE) to include 60 or more items that "...test the applicant's knowledge of state laws, rules and regulations, and of seismicity and geology unique to practice in California..." pursuant to Business and Professions Code §7841(d).
  - h. Report of Board Action re: Directing the Technical Advisory Committee to investigate the following areas of knowledge: (i) state laws, rules and regulations unique to practice in California; (ii) seismicity unique to practice in California; and (iii) geology unique to practice in California.
  - i. Report of Board Action re: Directing the Enforcement Oversight Committee to prepare questions for inclusion in the CSE that incorporate elements of past enforcement actions.

4. Committee will discuss the general nature of the CSE in light of Business and Professions Code §7481(d) to identify those areas of knowledge “unique to practice in California” most in need of developing new questions.
5. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §11126(c)(1)
  - a. CSE grading, content, validity
6. Open Session to announce results of Closed Session (Sterbentz)
  - Action: As requested by the Board, the Committee will consider a project (a) to revise the CSE that tests knowledge “unique to practice in California” pursuant to Business and Professions Code §7481(d); (b) to meet as often as needed to produce a suitable CSE for September 29, 2007 administration; and (c) to report on the CSE “Revision Project” at the August 3, 2007 Board meeting.
7. Committee Member Reports
8. Establish date, location and homework assignments for next Committee Meeting (Sterbentz)
9. Adjourn

**Note: Starting time is approximate. Agenda items may be taken out of sequence at the discretion of the Chair for convenience of the Committee and members of the public. The Committee will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. as determined by the Chair.**

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*It is the public policy of this state that public agencies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and the proceedings of public agencies be conducted openly so that the public may remain informed.*

*In enacting this article the Legislature finds and declares that it is the intent of the law that actions of state agencies be taken openly and that their deliberation be conducted openly.*

*The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.*

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